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¶1. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Shaykh Hamdan bin Zayed Al-Nahyan (HBZ) issued a very strong condemnation on May 29 against those who carried out the terror attacks in Al-Khobar. The official statement quoted HBZ as saying that UAE President Shaykh Zayed, the UAEG, and the Emirati people would "put their resources at the disposal of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and further reaffirm their readiness to work alongside the Saudi leadership to eliminate those thugs who are bent on destruction, bloodletting, terrorism and wreaking havoc without any iota of conscience."

¶2. The UAE's leadership had used harsh words to condemn past bombing attacks in Saudi Arabia and Iraq, but HBZ's language was perhaps the toughest we have

seen in a while, including the UAEG's reaction to the November 2003 bombing at a residential compound in Riyadh. HBZ's pledge of solidarity with the Saudi government echoed earlier UAEG promises of support for the Saudis' anti-terror drive after the November 2003 bombing.

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